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Washington, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Mike Pence gave the following speech on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives today in support of sending a Balanced Budget Amendment to the states for ratification:

"In the midst of these rancorous and divided days in our nation's capital, there is a growing consensus across this country that Washington, D.C. isn't just broke, it's broken.

"With a \$14 trillion national debt, the American people want solutions, not fights. They want reforms that will transcend political parties and the historic divides that have made this city seem for most Americans to appear to be a house divided.

"Well, thanks to tough negotiations this summer the American people deserve to know that Congress has a historic opportunity to vote on just such a bipartisan solution. It's a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

"For the first time in 15 years, the House and the Senate will have an up or down vote on this historic measure and every American who is fed up with borrowing and spending and deficits and debt should let their voice be heard and be heard today.

"Most Americans work hard. They pay their bills and they live within their means. I think it's time we had a national government as good as our people. It's time to pass a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution, send it from this House to the Senate, and from this Congress

to the states for ratification."

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